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Buettgen, et al.

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Title: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF DEACIDIFIED  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed on March 19, 2002. Please amend the instant applications as follows.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (amended) A process for the production of deacidified fats and/or oils comprising the steps of:  
(a) reacting a triglyceride having an acid value of up to about 60 and an excess of a lower alcohol having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms and an effective amount of a lipase to form a pre-esterification product having an acid value of from about 0.5 to about 10.